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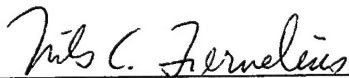
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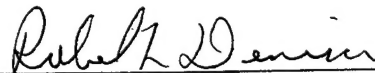
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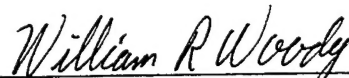
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1. INTRODUCTION

The Nd:YAG laser is currently the most popular solid state laser on the market. Its most intense lasing wavelength is at 1.064 μm . To obtain a visible output, a nonlinear optical (NLO) crystal is used to yield a 532 nm line by second harmonic generation (SHG). At the moment, potassium titanyl phosphate, KTiOPO_4 (KTP), is used to obtain the SHG in most new systems. Since KTP has been so successful a NLO crystal, it was thought that some of its relatives or isomorphs might be good candidates for new NLO crystals having better properties for some niche applications.

The general chemical formula is MTiOXO_4 where $\text{M} = \text{K}, \text{Cs}, \text{Rb}, \text{Ti}$ and $\text{X} = \text{P}, \text{As}$. Since we are interested in making optical parametric oscillators (OPOs) that have outputs in the 3-5 μm wavelength range (an atmospheric window), most of our efforts have been with $\text{X} = \text{As}$ since PO_4 becomes opaque around 4 μm .

The Materials Directorate of Wright Laboratory has issued a number of contracts on KTP isomorphs and the grey track problem of KTP. The contract titles and numbers are as follows: "Improved KTP Crystal Growth", F33615-91-C-5645; "Synthesis, Crystal Growth and Characterization of CsTiOAsO_4 for OPO Applications to 5 Microns", F33615-92-C-5947; "Improved Growth of KTP & KTA Crystals", F33615-93-C-5306; "Improved NLO Materials to 5 microns: Growth of CTA, RTA and Mixed Crystals", F33615-93-C-5380; "New Nonlinear Materials for Applications at 2-5 μm ", F33615-94-C-5410, "Improved Materials for Electro-Optic & Nonlinear Optical Applications in the Mid-IR", F33615-95-C-5435; " CsZrOAsO_4 (CZA) and $\text{K}_{1-x}\text{Rb}_x\text{TiOAsO}_4$ (KRTA), New Nonlinear Materials for Laser Application in the 2-5 μm Region", F33615-95-C-5443.

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